

Lecture 03

# **Conditionals & Control Flow**

# Announcements

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- Lab 0 on Wednesday
  - At the start of the lab, lab instructions will be posted on Moodle.
  - 1 hour to do the lab
  - Before the deadline, you will submit your work.
  - Not being graded
- Office hours
  - M/Th: 6-7PM
  - Send me an email for other times

# Testing last\_name\_first(n)

# test procedure

def test\_last\_name\_first():

"""Test procedure for last\_name\_first(n)"""

result = name.last\_name\_first('Walker White')

introcs.assert\_equals('White, Walker', result)

result = name.last\_name\_first('Walker White')

introcs.assert\_equals('White, Walker', result)

Call function  
on test input

Compare to  
expected output

# Script code

test\_last\_name\_first()

print('Module name passed all tests.')

Call test procedure  
to activate the test

# Types of Testing

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## Black Box Testing

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- Function is “opaque”
  - Test looks at what it does
  - **Fruitful**: what it returns
  - **Procedure**: what changes
- **Example**: Unit tests
- **Problems**:
  - Are the tests everything?
  - What caused the error?

## White Box Testing

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- Function is “transparent”
  - Tests/debugging takes place inside of function
  - Focuses on where error is
- **Example**: Use of print
- **Problems**:
  - Much harder to do
  - Must remove when done

# Finding the Error

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- Unit tests cannot find the source of an error
- Idea: “Visualize” the program with print statements

```
def last_name_first(n):
```

```
    """Returns: copy of n in form 'last-name, first-name' """
```

```
    end_first = n.find(' ')
```

```
    print(end_first)
```

```
    first = n[:end_first]
```

```
    print('first is ' + str(first))
```

```
    last = n[end_first+1:]
```

```
    print('last is ' + str(last))
```

```
    return last + ', ' + first
```

Print variable after  
each assignment

**Optional:** Annotate  
value to make it  
easier to identify

# How to Use the Results

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- Goal of **white box testing** is **error location**
  - Want to identify the **exact line** with the error
  - Then you look ‘real hard’ at the line to find error
  - What you are doing in lab this week
- But similar approach to **black box testing**
  - At each line you have **expected** print result
  - Compare it to the **received** print result
  - Line before first mistake is *likely* the error

# Warning About Print Statements

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- Must remove them when you are done
  - Not part of the specification (violation)
  - Slow everything down unnecessarily
  - **App Store** will reject an app with prints
- But you might want them again later
  - **Solution**: “comment them out”
  - You can always uncomment later

# Structure vs. Flow

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## Program Structure

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- Order code is **presented**
  - Order statements are listed
  - Inside/outside of function
  - Will see other ways...
- Defines possibilities over **multiple executions**

## Program Flow

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- Order code is **executed**
  - Not the same as structure
  - Some statements duplicated
  - Some statements skipped
- Defines what happens in a **single execution**

Have already seen this  
difference with functions



# Structure vs. Flow: Example

## Program Structure

```
def foo():  
    print('Hello')
```

Statement  
listed once

# Script Code

```
foo()
```

```
foo()
```

```
foo()
```

## Program Flow

```
> python foo.py
```

```
'Hello'
```

```
'Hello'
```

```
'Hello'
```

Statement  
executed 3x

Bugs occur when flow does  
not **match** expectations

# Conditionals: If-Statements

## Format

```
if expression :  
    statement  
    ...  
    statement
```



Indent

## Example

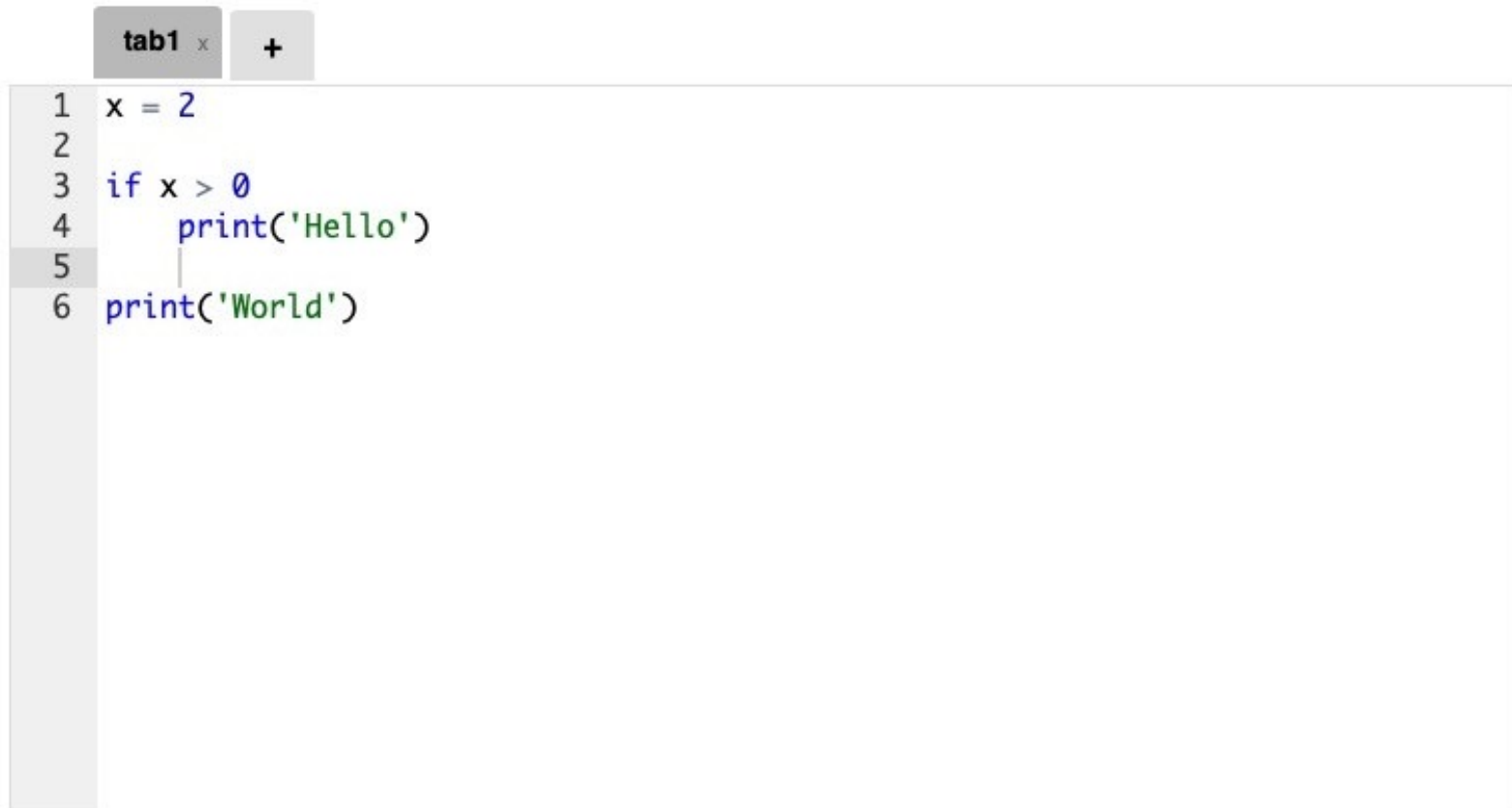
```
# Put x in z if it is positive  
if x > 0:  
    z = x
```

### Execution:

If *expression* is **True**, execute all statements **indented** underneath

# Python Example

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A screenshot of a Python code editor interface. At the top, there is a tab labeled 'tab1' with a close button 'x' and a plus sign '+' to its right. Below the tab, the code is displayed with line numbers 1 through 6 on the left. The code is: 1 x = 2, 2, 3 if x > 0, 4 print('Hello'), 5, 6 print('World'). The code is color-coded: 'if', 'print', and 'World' are in blue, 'x', '>', and '0' are in black, and the string literals 'Hello' and 'World' are in green. The line number 5 is highlighted with a grey background.

```
1 x = 2
2
3 if x > 0
4     print('Hello')
5
6 print('World')
```

Double click the tab to change name, press enter when done.

Visualize

Execute Code

Edit Code

# Conditionals: If-Else-Statements

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## Format

```
if expression :  
    statement  
    ...  
else:  
    statement  
    ...
```

## Example

```
# Put max of x, y in z  
if x > y:  
    z = x  
else:  
    z = y
```

### Execution:

If *expression* is **True**, execute all statements indented under *if*.

If *expression* is **False**, execute all statements indented under *else*.

# Python Example

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tab1 x +

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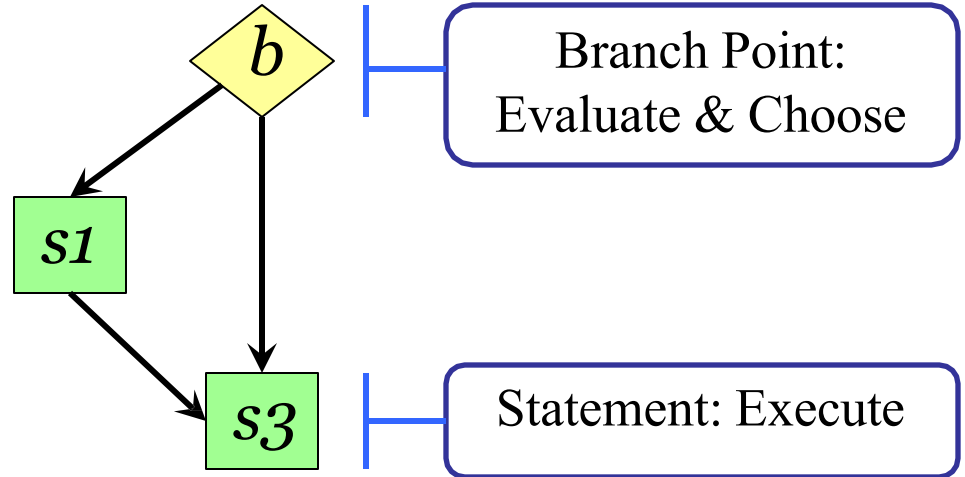
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# Conditionals: “Control Flow” Statements

if  $b$ :

|  $s1$  # statement

$s3$



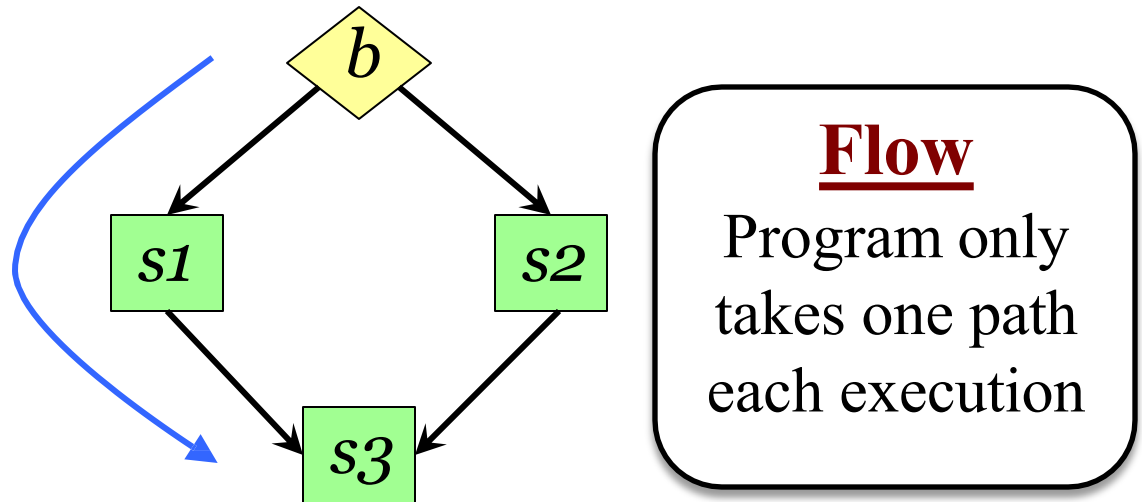
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|  $s1$

else:

|  $s2$

$s3$



# Exercises

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**Q1. Write a program to accept percentage from the user and display the grade according to the following criteria:**

Marks	Grade
> 90	A
> 80 and <= 90	B
>= 60 and <= 80	C
below 60	D

**Q2. Write a Python program to can tell whether the user input number is divisible by 7 and multiples of 5, between 1500 and 2700 (both included). Output True if it satisfies the condition; False otherwise.**

# Program Flow and Call Frames

```
def max(x,y):
```

```
    """Returns: max of x, y"""
```

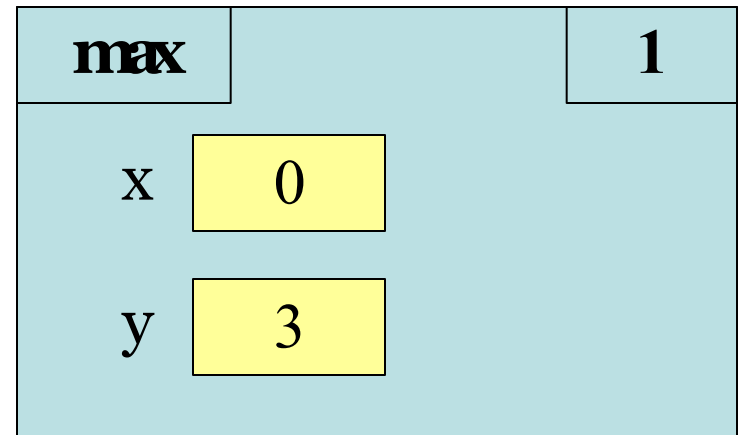
```
    # simple implementation
```

```
1  if x > y:
```

```
2  |     return x
```

```
3  return y
```

```
max(0,3):
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Frame sequence  
depends on flow



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y	3	

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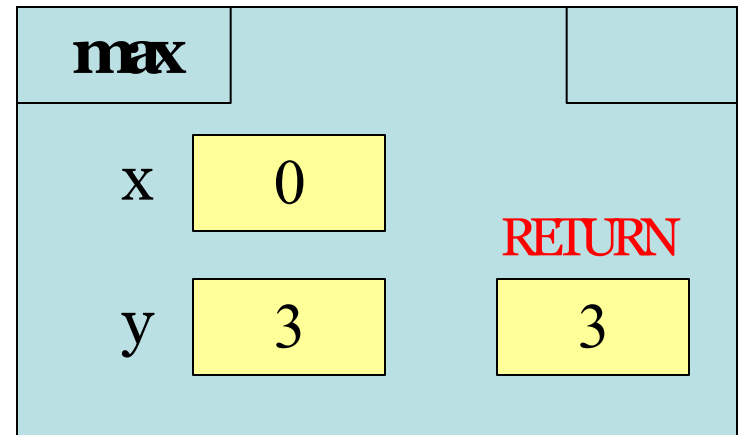
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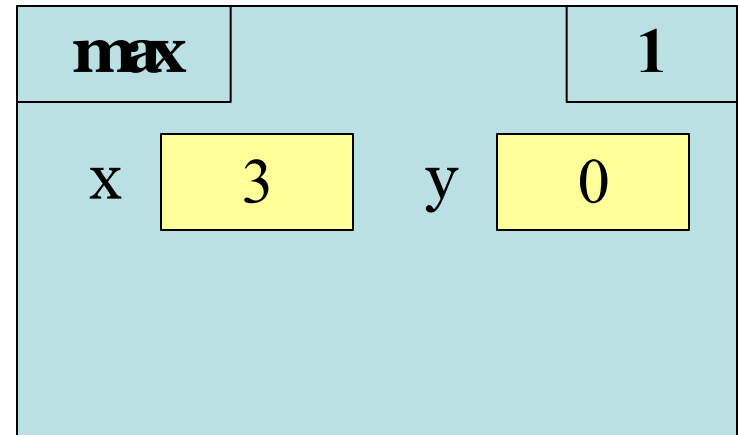
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Swaps max  
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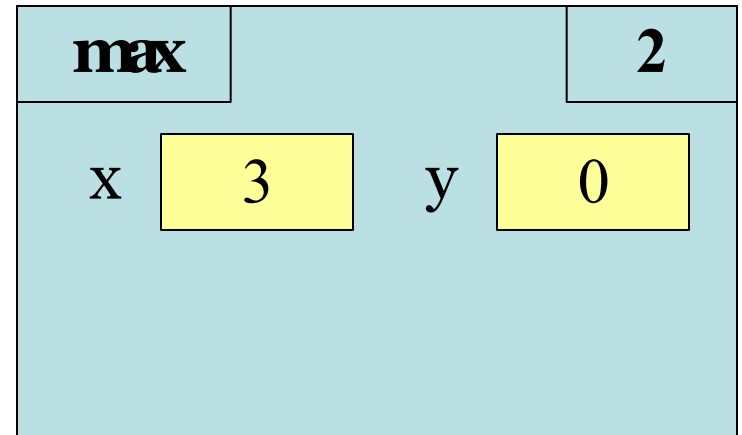
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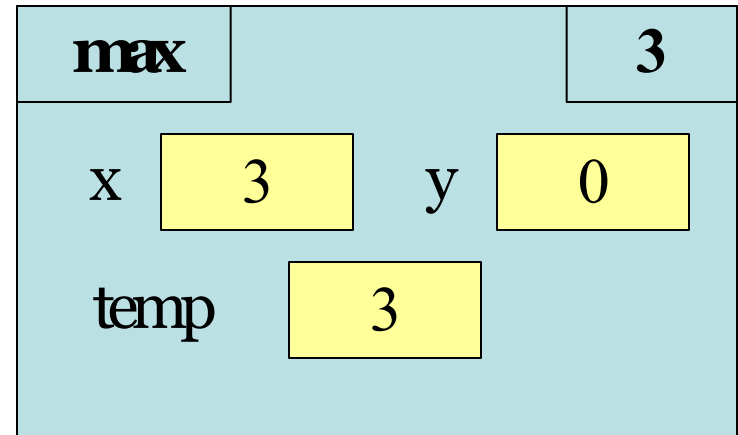
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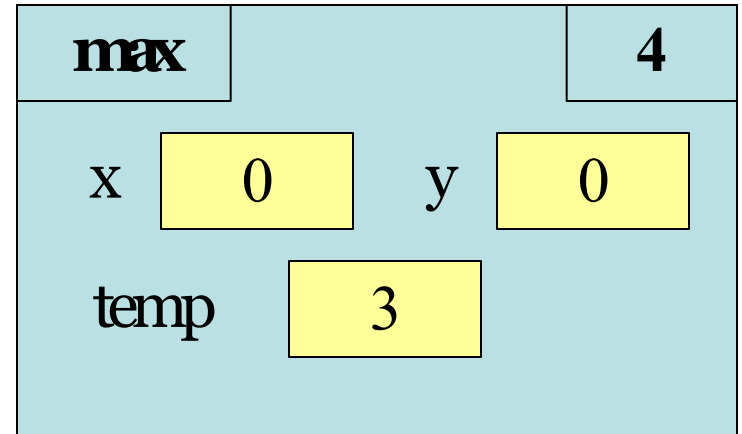
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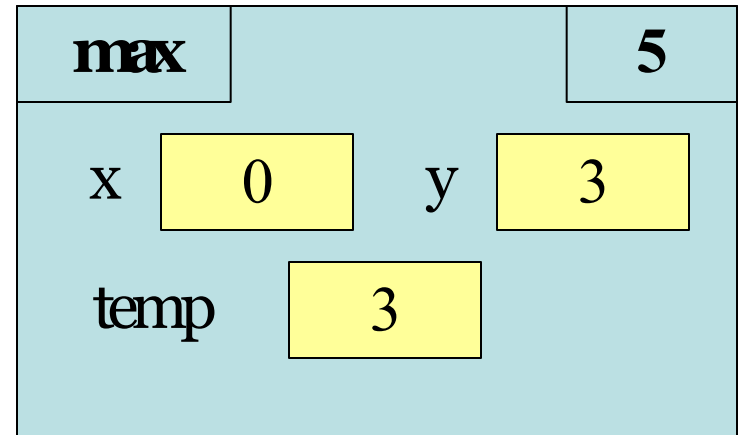
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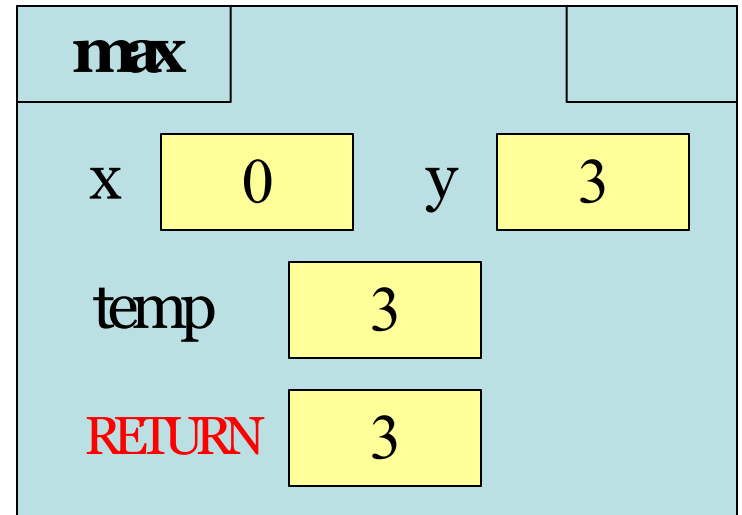
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A: 3

B: 0

C: **Error!**

D: I do not know

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- Local variables last until
  - They are deleted or
  - End of the function
- Even if defined inside **if**

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- Value of max(0,3)?

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C: **Error!**

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C: **Error!** **CORRECT**

D: I do not know

- Variable existence depends on **flow**
- Understanding flow is important in testing

# Testing and Code Coverage

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- Typically, tests are written from **specification**
  - This is because they should be written first
  - You run these tests while you implement
- But sometimes tests leverage code structure
  - You know the control-flow branches
  - You want to make sure each branch is correct
  - So you explicitly have a test for **each branch**
- This is called **code coverage**

# Which Way is Correct?

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- Code coverage requires knowing code
  - So it must be done after implementation
  - But best practice is to write tests *first*
- Do them **BOTH**
  - Write tests from the specification
  - Implement the function while testing
  - Go back and add tests for full coverage
  - Ideally this does not require adding tests

# Recall: Debugging

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- Unit tests cannot find the source of an error
- Idea: “Visualize” the program with print statements

```
def last_name_first(n):  
    """Returns: copy of n in form 'last-name, first-name' """  
    end_first = n.find(' ')  
    print(end_first)  
    first = n[:end_first]  
    print('first is ' + str(first))  
    last = n[end_first+1:]  
    print('last is ' + str(last))  
    return last + ', ' + first
```

Print variable after  
each assignment

Called watches

# Now Have a Different Challenge

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# Put max of x, y in z

```
print('before if')
```

```
if x > y:
```

```
    print('if x>y')
```

```
    z = x
```

```
else:
```

```
    print('else x<=y')
```

```
    z = y
```

```
print('after if')
```

- What was executed?
  - The **if** -statement?
  - Or the **else**-statement?
- More print statements
  - **Trace** program flow
  - Verify flow is correct

Called **traces**



# Watches vs. Traces

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## Watch

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- Visualization tool
  - Often print/log statement
  - May have IDE support
- Looks at **variable value**
  - Anywhere it can change
  - Often after assignment

## Trace

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- Visualization tool
  - Often print/log statement
  - May have IDE support
- Looks at **program flow**
  - Anywhere it can change
  - Before/after control

# Traces and Watches

```
print('before if')
```

**Example:** flow.py

```
if x > y:
```

```
    print('if x>y')
```

```
    z = y
```

```
    print(z)
```

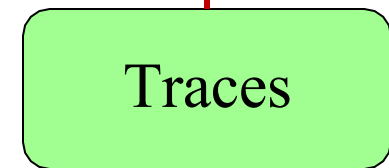
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else:
```

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```

```
    z = y
```

```
    print(z)
```

```
print('after if')
```



# Conditionals: If-Elif-Else-Statements

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## Format

```
if expression :  
    statement  
    ...  
elif expression :  
    statement  
    ...  
...  
else:  
    statement  
    ...
```

## Example

```
# Put max of x, y, z in w  
if x > y and x > z:  
    w = x  
elif y > z:  
    w = y  
else:  
    w = z
```

# Conditionals: If-Elif-Else-Statements

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## Format

```
if expression :  
    statement  
    ...  
elif expression :  
    statement  
    ...  
...  
else:  
    statement  
    ...
```

## Notes on Use

- No limit on number of **elif**
  - Can have as many as want
  - Must be between **if**, **else**
- The else is always optional
  - **if-elif** by itself is fine
- Booleans checked in order
  - Once it finds first True, skips over all others
  - **else** means **all** are false

# Python Example

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1 x = 2
2
3 if x > 0
4     print('Hello')
5 elif x < 0:
6     print('Whatever')
7 else:
8     print('Good-bye')
9
10 print('World')
```

Double click the tab to change name, press enter when done.

Visualize

Execute Code

Edit Code

# Conditional Expressions

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## Format

$e_1$  **if**  $b_{exp}$  **else**  $e_2$

- $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are *any* expression
- $b_{exp}$  is a boolean expression
- This is an expression!
  - **Evaluates** to  $e_1$  if  $b_{exp}$  True
  - **Evaluates** to  $e_2$  if  $b_{exp}$  False

## Example

# Put max of  $x$ ,  $y$  in  $z$

$z = x$  **if**  $x > y$  **else**  $y$



expression,  
not statement

# Exercises

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Q1. Using conditionals, write the program in one line to print the following

Marks	Grade
> 90	A
> 80 and <= 90	B
Below 60	C